

We are delighted to announce that this year, we will be working to maintain our Platinum status. As a school, we are part of the Modeshift STARS scheme – the national schools award scheme established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel.

The scheme encourages schools across the country to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people. In recent years, we have taken part in Hampshire County Council's walk to school week along with other similar initiatives such as Bike Week, Bikeability and Scooter challenges.

This year, we have taken part in several campaigns organised by Living Streets and Modeshift:

In November, we had a visit from Living Streets' mascot Strider! They taught us all about how to walk to school safely and presented us with our Platinum award.



We have appointed two JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) / WOW ambassadors who have presented various assemblies, assisted in handing out badges and participated in online training from Hampshire.






We have participated in various competitions this year: WOW: Design a Badge, WOW: Walk of Fame, Walk to school week and Walktober. Here are some of our amazing badge design entries!

We are pushing to create links with active travel through our curriculum by actively travelling to our school trips and teaching the importance of road safety alongside this. Here are Year 5, who participated in a nature walk to the Wellington Statue.



We also encourage active travel through our maths lessons! Year 5 have been analysing the percentage of student's actively travelling to school and have been looking at the data on our Travel Tracker.

<p>The JRSOs are calculating how many badges to give to each year group. Talavera received 240 badges this month. 35% of those badges went to year 5. How many badges did year 5 receive?</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>Of all the badges given to year 5, one quarter were awarded to Giant Pandas. How many badges did Giant Pandas receive?</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>There are 468 children at Talavera Junior School. 90% of them walk to school. How many children walk to school?</p> <p>_____</p>	

We offer park and stride vouchers for families who want to participate in walking to schools but live a little too far away. You can apply for these at reception and then park at the multi – storey car park on Wellington Avenue (you must have a voucher to park for free). This enables children to log their journeys to school and start to earn badges! The Travel Tracker is not only a competition between classes at school but also nationally and we know our children would love to rise through the ranks of the national leader board! If we can continue to keep up the enthusiasm and maintain a healthy journey to school, we will be able to maintain our status as the first platinum awarded school in Rushmoor.

